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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED  
UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

 Docket Number (Optional)  
**CHMP-103**
First named inventor: **Kenneth Pieroni, et al.**Group Art Unit: **2856**Application Number: **09/385,050**Examiner: **Charles Garber**Filed: **August 30, 1999**Title: **METHOD FOR DETECTING LEAKS IN A FLUID SYSTEM****FAX RECEIVED**
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- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee--required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay

**1. Petition fee**

☒ small entity - fee \$ 55 (37 CFR 1.17(l)). Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(l)).

**2. Reply and/or fee**

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in  
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☒ has been filed previously on Amendment After Final Rejection filed  
October 25, 2001

☒ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.

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(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply)

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In reply to a Final Rejection dated June 25, 2001, the applicant filed an Amendment After Final Rejection (with a request for one month extension of time) bearing a Certificate of Mailing dated October 25, 2001. Because of the new U.S. Postal Service policy of segregating mail addressed to Washington D.C. zip codes, applicant's reply did not reach the PTO for 3 months (i.e. until January 24, 2002). Consequently, the Examiner's Advisory Action dated February 25, 2002 was issued only after the full six month statutory period had already run (on December 26, 2001).

However, in October, 2001, the applicant did not know and had no way to anticipate the magnitude of the anthrax scare and the resulting long time delay (of 3 months) in sending first class mail to Washington D.C. But for this long and unforeseen postal delay, the Examiner would have received and acted upon the applicant's Amendment After Final Rejection while still leaving sufficient time during the six month statutory period for the applicant to take additional action without having this application go abandoned. In other words, had applicant's Amendment After Final Rejection reached the PTO in a reasonable time, it is simply not likely that this application would have gone abandoned. Because the intervening mail delay was extraordinary and could not have been known or anticipated (in October, 2001), it is submitted that the reason for this application going abandoned was entirely unavoidable on the part of the applicant.

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UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number (Optional)  
CHMP-103

First named inventor: Kenneth Pieroni, et al.

Application No.: 09/385,050

Art Unit: 2856

Filed: August 30, 1999

Examiner: Charles Garber

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- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**☒ Small entity fee \$ 640 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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02 FC:241 ☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))**2. Reply and/or fee**A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in  
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4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D))].

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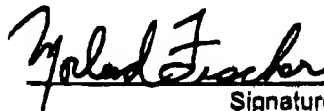
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